

REMARKS

New claim 211 is introduced. New claim 211 is supported by original claim 16. In addition, claim 140 is made dependent upon new claim 211.

No new matter is introduced by this amendment, and entry thereof is requested. Upon entry, claims 127, 128, 130, 132, 133, 140-142, 144-148, 154, 155, 160, 161, 164-166, 172, 197, and 208-211 are active in this application.

The outstanding Office Action is in the form of a Restriction Requirement and an election of species requirement. The outstanding Office Action divides the claims into the following three groups:

Group I includes claims 127, 130, 132, 133, 140-142, 144-148, 154, 155, 160, 161, 164-166, and 208-210;

Group II includes claim 172; and

Group III includes claim 197.

It is pointed out that the listing of claims in Group I is incorrect because it fails to identify claim 128. It is understood that this is a typographical error, and that claim 128 is supposed to be part of Group I. Confirmation of this is requested.

The Applicant hereby elects Group I for examination.

In response to the election of species requirement, claim 132 is elected. It is understood that once the species of claim 132 is found to be allowable, the Examiner will extend the search to the remaining species.

It is believed that this application is in condition for examination. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

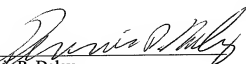
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